



Montana, 1917: Time of Trouble, Time of Change

Victory Liberty Drive, Butte, ca. 1917

Call for Proposals

The Montana Historical Society invites session proposals for the 2017 Montana History Conference, ***Montana, 1917: Time of Trouble, Time of Change***. The conference will be held September 21–23 in Helena at the [Helena Great Northern Best Western Premiere](#). All topics relating to Montana history will be considered, but special consideration will be given to those that relate to life in the Treasure State during the World War I era, including:

- Life on the Homefront • the Spanish Flu epidemic and other health issues • sedition and anti-sedition laws • the mechanization of agriculture • labor unrest in Butte and elsewhere • the Speculator Mine explosion • the homestead boom • art, literature, and popular culture of the era • allotment on Indian reservations • Montanans who served • radical politics • Progressive reforms • Prohibition • the creation of Rocky Boy's reservation • early roads and road-building • advances in technology • and more!

What you need to know before submitting:

- The initial deadline for submitting proposals is February 28, 2017. Late proposals will be considered as space allows.
- After the February 28 deadline, the History Conference Committee will meet to evaluate the proposals and put together a comprehensive program. You will be notified by March 25 whether or not your proposal has been accepted (please note that we generally receive far more proposals than the schedule will accommodate).
- Our conference is primarily comprised of three concurrent sessions that last a total of 1 hour and 15 minutes each. Normally, each session has two presenters so each gets 25-30 minutes for his/her presentation and the remaining time is used for introductions and joint QandA (if there are three presenters, each gets 20 minutes). The program committee pairs speakers together so that their topics relate in some way or, if you prefer, you can submit a panel proposal comprising an entire session.
- Although we do greatly appreciate the time and effort that a presentation at the history conference entails, we are, unfortunately, not in a position to pay for speakers' travel or lodging expenses. We do however provide speakers with a complimentary, full-conference registration, including all meals and events.

To **submit a proposal online** [click here](#).

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